REAP closes due to lack of funding

Rockcastle Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) has had to close the doors to the local food pantry due to a lack of funding, according to LuEd Nielsen, who has been coordinator of REAP for the past ten years.

REAP was founded in 1987 and has served thousands of local families with food, clothing, and other emergency assistance.

There is good news however, for local people who depend on a food or clothing bank from time to time.

Volunteers at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon and from throughout the country are in the process of opening their own food and clothing bank on Church Street in Mt. Vernon.

One of the coordinator's Mrs. Kim Singleton said she hoped the mission would be open by June1, but that it may be later in the summer.

The food and clothing bank will be in the building that use to be home to the Lambert law offices years ago.

The First Baptist Mission will be open at least three days a week, or when an emergency occurs and will be staffed totally by volunteers.

Dear Editor:

REAP Food Pantry closes the doors.

Fears of the last two years have become reality.

Rockcastle Emergency Assistance Program has had to close the doors to the local food pantry due to lack of funding.

REAP was founded in 1987 and during this time thousands of local families have been fed, clothed, and offered other emergency assistance. Hundreds of thousands of meals have been given out to deserving families, Christmas has been a very special time for several hundred children and families each year, and I am deeply regretful that the food pantry will not be a part of helping the hungry.

Many people feel that the people we have helped are only single mothers; one welfare, who don't want to better themselves; have a child every year to continue on welfare; are drug abusers; alcoholics; worthless; or other undesirable traits. SORRY, THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY SO. DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU CAN BE HOMELESS IN THE BLINK OF EYE-OR HUNGRY VERY QUICKLY. Ask some of the people we have helped and listen to their story of why they are hungry, or why they are homeless.

I was informed one year ago that it was felt that we had not served the people during the time that I had to have back surgery and then three weeks later had to have heart surgery. The First Baptist Church decided that they would have a food bank and clothing closet. The Migrant Program will be working with them and will continue to receive clothing. At this time the mission is not yet open.

We took care of all the people during that time the same way we have for several years. The applications are taken by Daniel Boone Development Council and processed, as they have a computer system.

There are records that must be kept so that we can apply for funds to operate. The food boxes were made up several times a week by my granddaughter (I could not lift and I was not allowed to do anything for several weeks, but we still came in to make up boxes) and the people were taken to REAP and given their food. We have not tried to handle clothing for some time as it is a lot of work, and time consuming to sort, and throw away the bad clothing that we would get.

Rockcastle Emergency Assistance Program will stay in existence to continue with the issues of helping people with problems, and I will try to get grant money to carry this out. My office is in my home and I can be reached at 256-3217 in the evenings, or days at 256-1615. There are still to many things to be done for me to retire.

The only funding that we have been receiving for REAP is $50.00 a month, from a small church who has supported REAP for a long time. We received $345.00 for Christmas. FEMA funding has been cut every year, and now is not practical to try to meet the many needs our people have with such a small amount of money. This year the money will go to Daniel Boone Development Council, to carry on their programs. CAP has cut back on their grants, and we would not be eligible to apply anytime soon. For a number of years I donated our building, my appliances (all clothing was washed and dried) and freezers and refrigerators. It has reached the point that I can no longer donate my time. With the stroke that my husband suffered, and the death of our daughter, we are faced with raising several grandchildren and depend on child support and social security to live on. Believe me, it doesn't go far enough.

I want to thank Renfro Valley for the many years they have sponsored the "Love Tree" at Christmas. This has meant so much to the 50 children that we were able to help each Christmas. Thanks also to those who have supported us through the years. There are too many to mention, but you know who you are.

The building is now occupied by Daniel Boone Development and Ashlee's Homeless Shelter. I appreciate the help and support I have received from them in the past several years. I will miss working with all of the people who have needed assistance, but I am thankful that we were able to help during a critical time in their lives.

LuEd Nieslen

Reward offered for information on stolen ATV

On Thursday, April 13, Kentucky State Police Trooper John Yates investigated the theft of a 1995 Honda ATV 4-wheeler, green in color from the residence of Doug Hysinger on Hysinger Hollow near the city limits of Mt. Vernon.

The Kentucky State Police Professional Association is offering a $2,500 dollar reward for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the subject or subjects involved in the theft.

Anyone having any information to the theft can contact the Kentucky State Police at 1-800-222-5555 or 606-878-6622.

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Carloftis said that after he talked with Mr. Gregory the stakes were pulled up and the concrete structure was torn down.

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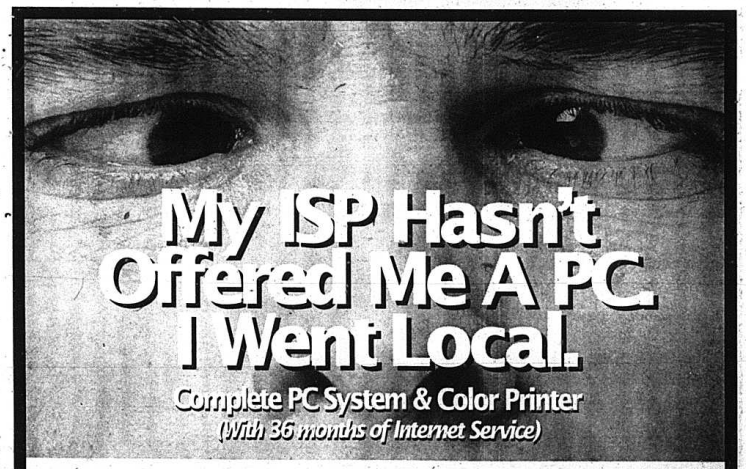

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